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MEMO TO: North Dakota Educators

FROM: Laurie Matzke, Division Manager
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RE: Important Updates

Please note the following three important updates:

- 1) Reallocated Funds
- 2) New Title I Awards Program
- 3) AYP Parent Letters

1) Reallocated Funds

- Reallocated Due Date Extended – The Office of Federal Title Programs is extending the due date to apply for Title I and Title II reallocated funds to Thursday, November 12, 2015.

A district's consolidated application must be approved in order for a district to apply for reallocated funds. There are still many consolidated applications that need to be approved. Therefore, we are extending the deadline to allow all districts that want to apply for reallocated funds the opportunity to do so. Approving the remaining consolidated applications is currently our top priority in the Division of Student Support & Innovation.

- Title II Reallocated Funds Cap – Since there is limited Title II funds available, we are going to place a cap on reallocated Title II funds. Districts can apply for up to \$4,000 in reallocated Title II funds. This will ensure the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) can assist all districts that indicated they wanted to apply for Title II reallocated funds.
- Title II REAP Funds – School districts that utilized the REAP option when completing the consolidated application will utilize the REAP budget revision process if applying for Title II reallocated funds and, therefore, can elect to REAP the Title II reallocated funds into Title I, Title IIA, Title IID, Title IV, or Title V.

2) New Title I Awards Program

As a reminder, the Office of Federal Title Programs announced a new Title I awards program that will allow the state to recognize multiple Title I educators who contribute to raising the academic achievement of at-risk youth. Please consider nominating an exceptional educator in your school. Selected recipients will receive a \$5,000 grant award to use in their Title I program. We are extending the deadline to submit an application to November 9, 2015.

To nominate an exceptional educator in your school, complete the Exceptional Educator Application found at www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs_Initiatives/TitleI/awards/ and email it to [Shauna Greff](#) in the Office of Federal Title Programs.

3) AYP Parent Letters

As of September 18, 2015, both school and district AYP reports were finalized and posted at www.nd.gov/dpi/report/profile on the department's website. If schools and districts in program improvement have not yet forwarded their AYP dissemination letter to their contact person in the Division of Student Support & Innovation for review, please do so as soon as possible so the dissemination letters can be distributed to parents in a timely manner.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this memorandum, please contact me at lmatzke@nd.gov or (701) 328-2284 or your assigned Student Support & Innovation contact person which can be found at www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/126/contacts.pdf.